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Subject: FW: COMPLAINT RELATING TO A RAVE.

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Dear Piers.

While I live North of Salisbury, I do monitor several 'farmer' and rural whatsapp groups and could see and almost feel the ever increasing frustration at the noise/music as Saturday progressed. And that frustration was justified.

Let me assure you that I will ask the Force the very sensible questions that you posed ref the Rave, so that our response can be more effective to such events in the future. However, while that was ongoing we also had to manage an illegal car meet of over 100 cars in Swindon, a serious sexual assault, a stabbing, albeit not fatal and the crash of a light aircraft. You have probably heard by now that on Saturday, the police were also involved in stopping a rural burglary taking place in Dinton during which two police cars were rammed. Fortunately, arrests were made. The Chief and I have given tackling those organised crime gangs that are stealing tractors, quad bikes and farm equipment etc the highest priority so that success was extremely welcome.

Making excuses is not my style but I can assure that last weekend many of Wiltshire police were on duty continuously across the county keeping us safe and with some success.

Regards,

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